BELIEVES SOUTH Mince Meat and COUNTRY VISITED CAN BE BROKEN!

Politicians Look for Striking Changes in Political Line-Up.

OUTCOME DEPENDS ON TAFT

If President Lives Up to His Sentiments His Party Will Grow.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., December 25.—
The consensus of opinion here is that the Solid South can be broken. For the last ten years there has been more or less dissatisfaction with the policits and leaders of the Democratic party; and, although all of the Confederate States have stood in line for Bryan in his three campaigns, yet there were thousands of people who voted for lim under protest.

The South, generally speaking, it is believed, is in a receptive mood politically. In some States the Democrats have openly defied the national organization. Congressmen from Floridia, Louisiana and Georgia pay but little head to the party whip in Washington. Therefore students of politica and politically in some striking changes in the line-up in Dixle within the administration of President Taft, who held out so much hope to independent Southerners before his normanistion for the presidency and during his campaign for election. On July 3, 1965, at Greensboro, N. C., Mr. Taft sounded a note that started a popular chorus, when he said: "It is of vital importance, both to the country at large and to the South, if a political break can be made in-the still solid Democratic South, to bring it about. "When it is proposed, however, we are met with the argument by many who would welcome a change. If we turn from the Democratic party, what is there to turn to? There is no Republican party of the South. There is a little coterie of politicians who devote no time and energy whatever to elections, and whose whole object is the securing of Federal patronage. The candidates named, if they be named, are not worthy of our suffrage. The candidates named, if they be named, are not worthy of our suffrage. The candidates named, if they be named, are not worthy of our suffrage. The candidates named, if they be named, are not worthy of our suffrage. The candidates named, if they be named, are not worthy of our suffrage. The candidates named, if they be named, are not worthy of our suffrage. The candidates named, if they be named, are not worthy of o

of course I cannot deny that a wish to fill public office is an honorable appration, whether by appointment or election, but when all hope of choice by the people is abandoned, and everything is given over to influencing a distant appointing power to choose particular men to perform official functions in a community politically functions in a community politically hostile to those men, the result is no good for the men or the community. The struggle for Federal political office, producing as it does, jealousies
and strifes and disappointments, paralyzes united effort to make the party
strong at the polis and worthy of success. The men upon whose change of
voto success in the election depends are not particularly interested in the success of one faction or another, but are interested that their votes shall be east for those candidates for local and State offices whose character, devotion to duty, intelligence and ability will assume most local and State government. ernment, and for those representatives of the National Congress who will faithfully and courageously carry out the high principles of the National Republican party with a due regard to the particular interests of the district and State they represent. "As ldng, however, as the Republi-

can party in the Southern States shall represent little save a factional chase for Federal offices, in which business men and men of substance in the community have no desire to enter, and in the result of which they have and in the result of which they have no interest, we may expect the present political conditions of the South to continue. Laccept with confidence the assurances of your representatives that you expect to appeal to the business interests of your community, to men who read aright the signs of the times, and who understand that the real hope of the South is in litaving a number of her States break from the Democrafic column, and to assert their independence of past political traditions, in order that this section may be accorded that importance in national matters to which her population, her wealth, and her intelligence cattling this great work of redeeming your

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incubus of iron Democratic rule, your fellow-Republicans of the entire country bld you Godspeed."

The Reception of This Speech.

That night, in a large, well filled hall, Mr. Taft's bold and eloquent speech was liberally applauded by all sorts and conditions of North Carolinians, especially that element who would vote "for those representatives in the National Congress who would faithfully and courageously carry out the high principles of the Republican party with a due regard to the particular interests of the district and

ticular interests of the district and State they represent."

Two years later the Republicans of the Greensbore district nominated for Congress John Motley Morehead, one of the isading young business men of the State—a college-bred man, a manufacturer, a ron of one of North Carolina's foremest families, and a man of sense and high character—and he was elected, overcoming a Democratic majority of several thousands. The friends of Mr. Morehead believed that Mr. Taft was in earnest in his Greensboro speech, and felt that in their candidate for Congress they had an ideal Republican, from the Taft viewpoint and otherwise. Mr. Morehead stood with the organization of the tariff and its amendments. No one here has questioned his political faith; therefore the reception given Mr. Morehead at the White House and the consideration shown him by the President will have much to do with the votes of a large and influential element in the State in coming elections.

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The question here is: "Is the President going to come up to public expectations?" Everybody is waiting to give him a thorough trial, yet there seems to be a general feeling of apprehension that he is not going to make good. The West and the South are both waiting. The enthusiasm created in the enthre South by the Greensboro speech seems to have about died out. It is a well-known fact that a number of men of the stripe of Mr. Morehead have been thrown down by the administration, and in consequence those who got encouragement out of the ante-election utterances of the President are now asking, quietly but persistently: "Is it the same old brand of partisanship?"

It is believed in certain circles here that Postmaster-General Hitchcock, the practical politician of the Cabinet, has had too much to do with the President's attitude toward the South. It is the same old story—the rounding-up of delegates for the national convention. Mr. Tatt hopes to be renominated in 1912, and Hitchcock is the man who can bring this about.

But once the ear of the President is reached on important matters, he can be relied upon to do the just and fair thing, as witness the appointment of Judge Conner and that of D. H. Blair to be census supervisor of Mr. Morehead's district. It takes, however, a cunning man to get by Private Secretary Carpenter and Mr. Hitchcock, who seem to work together to one end.

The public generally has not made up its mind about Mr. Taft. His friends, among them a number of leading Democratic Congressmen, do not besties to your for his honesty of

friends, among them a number of lead hesitate to vouch for his honesty of purpose, his character, and his backbone; but there are numbers of people, even strong men of his own party, who doubt the existence in his makeup of anything like a backbone.

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The people at large have reserved
their opinion if him, and it will be a
long time before conservative Americans pass final judgment on him; but
all admit that he has given cause for
serious concern, especially on the part
of those independent Southerners who
looked to him for help in "redeeming
that section from the present incubus
of iron Democratic rule." and whe
have become "lired of the incompetency and the abuses arising from the
permanent control, for many decades,
of one political party."

The South will wait. Mr. Taft may
expect fair trial. If the Mr. Taft who
spoke at Greensboro reigns at the
White House and lives up to the sentiments expressed in that speech, then
the Republican party will grow in the
South; but if he disappoints the people
the encouraged there, it will be many
a day before his party will regain even
that respect to which it is entitled.

H. E. C. B.

WOULD NOT "MARRY
THE PRESIDENT'S SON"

Woman Fights Knumb's Suit for \$1,000
Lent Conditionally on Marriage,

YORK, PA, December 25,—"I would not think of marrying him if he wore President Taft's son and came for me with two autos," declared Mrs. Erneda Frey, her flery black eyes snapping.

Henry Knaub, a piano salesman, has been rooming in Mrs. Frey's home, No. 223 East King Street. He has brought suit against her to recover \$1,000, which, he alleges, he spent for her living expenses and to improve her property. Ho avers that he advanced the money with the understanding that she would marry him next New Year's Day, which she refuses to do.

Mrs. Frey, through her lawyer, vows she will contest Knaub's suit most vigorously. She says she owes him nothing. So far from promising to the says and they were informed to make a second arready and the sexpects to make a second arready were informed to make they were informed the sexpense of the girl's paramits. When they were informed to were informed to make a second arready were first most in the sexpects to make a second arready in the sexpense of the girl's paramits. When they were informed the mothing. So far from promising to the says. no interest, we may expect the present political conditions of the South to continue. Laccopt with confidence the assurances of your representatives that you expect to appeal to the business interests of your community to men who read aright the signs of the times, and who understand that the real hope of the South is in fraving a number of the south is in the south is independent of the south is in the south is independent of the south is in the south is independent of the south is independent of past of past of past of the south is independent of

Christmas Gift of Elements to Virginia and Other Sections.

COLDER WEATHER PREDICTED

In Middle West Railroad Schedules Practically Abandoned.

[Special to-The Times-Dispatch.] CHICAGO, December 25.—The worst snowstorm of the year was the Christmas gift of the elements to the Middle West. In lavish generosity it was unexcelled, and by this evening a slushy blanket six inches thick covered Chicago streets. With railroad schedules practically abandoned, passenger trains on all lines were from six to ten hours behind time, and freight service was almost at a standstill.

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still.

A cold wave dogging behind the blizzard made itself feit toward night. Much colder weather is predicted for

The snow brought to many unemployed men the opportunity to earn a Christmas dinner, and a little more

a Christmas dinner, and a little more besides.

Many passengers on railroad trains, who had traveled far in the expectation of passing Christmas in a happy reunion with friends or relatives, spent the day instead watching the miles of snowbound farms and forests glide slowly past the car windows. Some of the wayfarers on trains arriving ten hours late were in ill humor. Others said they and their fellow-passengers had made efforts to pass a fairly pleasant Christmas among themselves while the locomotives battled with the drifts.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., December 25.—
Snow has been falling in Northern
Virginia since midnight, and the ground
is now covered to a depth of six inches.
The fall still continues to-night. Winchester enjoyed a genuine "white
Christmas," and the first sleighs of
the season were on the streets.

Snow Benefits Wheat Crop.
WINCHESTER, VA. December 25.—
A heavy snowstorm prevails in Virginia, reports received showing that
the fall of snow is general on the Potomac River southward to Lexingston.
The growing wheat crop, which has
been suffering from lack of moisture,
will benefit greatly by the snowfall,

SAVANNAH, GA., December 25.—At first in gusts, but later a steady blow, wind here to-night reached a velocity of fifty miles an hour. The weather station is in the tenth story of an office building, which rocked so much in the wind that the station clock was stopped.

Snow at Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 25.—
Nearly six inches of snow fell here
to-day. The storm began after midnight, and continued all day.

Snew at Fredericksburg.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December
25.—Snow commenced falling here at
an early hour this morning and continued throughout the day, with prospects for reaching a heavy depth.

Police Say Popular Young Woman Has Confessed Her Theft.

NEW YORK, December 25.—Miss Emma Wright, nineteen years old, a Sunday-school teacher, living at No. 352 Prospect Flace, Brooklyn, broke down last night as she was being led to a cell in the Raymond Street jall and confessed that she was guilty of burglary.

The young woman is very pretty and is engaged to be married. She and her mother and father came to Brooklyn from Boston six months ago. Mr. Wright has a position in the offices of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. The girl soon after her arrival in Brooklyn Joined St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church on St. John's Place, and she became so popular there that two months ago she was induced to take charge of a class of girls.

On Thursday afternoon Waiter Francis, who lives with his wife on the third floor of the apartment house at No. 350 Prospect Place, reported to the police that in the afternoon a burglar had broken into his rooms and had taken from them scarfpins, inexpensive rings, a set of furs and a suit of clothes belonging to his wife. Detective Lynch heard his story and he started out.

Lynch made a house to house canvass of the block, inquiring of the occupants whether they had suffered from the visits of a burglar. He met house we will be reached Miss Wright's apartments. When he tapped on the door she opened it, and the detective was about to begin his questioning when he saw a ring on her finger which, he says, tallled with the description of one of those stolen from the building adjoining. He interrogated the girl. Miss Wright, her face grown pale, sobbed out a confession, he says.

"I stole the things," Lynch avers the girl admitted. "I do not know why glook them. I have never stolen before.

It was a sad Christmas for the girl's parents. When they were informed of their daughter's get Mr. Wright sobbed.

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The McKanna Three-Day

Liquor Cure

Dr. McKanna, at the request of several friends, will be at Murphy's Hotel for a brief stay, commencing Wednesday, December 28th, to assist those who are desiring and aiming to make the New Year a happy and prosperous one by letting whiskey or alcoholic stimulants alone. Dr. McKanna was introduced before the public of Richmond last year, when he demonstrated his cure by treating a large number in the basement of the First Baptist Church. Many of these men, who before had been useless citizens, are now classed among the prominent business men of the city.

The following explanation is given for the benefit of those who marvel at being rid of the desire for whiskey in only three days. Dr. McKanna begins by building up the system and putting all the organs, which have become diseased by drink, in a healthy and normal condition. At the expiration of three or four days the patient goes home, but continues with the McKanna tonic, which lasts about three weeks. This in no way interferes with his work or business. We use no hypodermics.

All interested in the cure will do well to call on Dr. Mc-Kanna at Murphy's Hotel December 28th, so he will have them ready to resume their New-Year's business, feeling stronger and better than they have for months---even years.

HIS DAUGHTER FOUND DEAD



SAMUEL L. CLEMENS ("MARK TWAIN"). It is feared by his friends that the death of his daughter, Miss Jea Clemens, will prove a serious blow to the aged humerist.

NEW YORK, December 25,-Mark | in 1904. The aged humorist-philoso-

rwain left "Stormfield," his home at pher has borne up bravely under his Reduing. Conn., this evening for Elmira. N. Y., with the body of his bereavement, although, as he said, it daughter, Jean, who was found dead in her bathtub Friday morning. He was accompanied by several servarts and a few intimate friends.

The funeral will take place at Elmira to-morrow afternoon with burial beside the grave of his wife, who died that day.

CHILD SEEKS JOHN D. AS GREAT GOLD GIVER

Little Worcester Girl Has Only \$2 to Buy Presents, So She Goes to See Rockfeller and, Though Failing in That, Does Well, Thank You.

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New York December 25.—Two dotars looked like a mignty bix lot of money a few days ago to Mary Bayagian, twelve years old, an Armenian, who lives at 50 Laurel Street, Worcester, Mass. She had saved it, cent by cent, to buy Christmas gitts, but when she took a trip along Main Street in Worcester day before yesterday and naw all the beautiful but costly things displayed in the shop windows Mary began to have a very low opinion of her capital. If she bought that gift which she knew her father would like and the one in the window round the sun could she got for the three young Bayagians with the remnants of the \$17 It looked like a hopeless problem. But Mary is a resourceful little girl. She suddenly remembered John D Rockefeller. She had heard from her father that Mir, Rockefeller lived its New York and owned more than \$2.7 It looked like a hopeless problem. But Mary is a resourceful little girl. She suddenly remembered John D Rockefeller. She had heard from her father that Mir, Rockefeller lived its New York and owned more than \$2.7 It looked like a hopeless problem. But Mary is a resourceful little girl. She suddenly remembered John D Rockefeller. She had heard from her father that Mir, Rockefeller lived its New York and owned more than \$2.7 It looked like a hopeless problem. But Mary is a resourceful little girl wore father that Mir, Rockefeller lived its New York and owned more than \$2.7 It looked like a hopeless problem. But Mary is a resourceful little girl wore father that Mir, Rockefeller lived its New York and owned more than \$2.7 It looked like a hopeless problem. But Mary is a resourceful little girl wore father than the father work and owned more than \$2.7 It looked like a hopeless problem. But Mary is a resourceful little girl wore father than the father work and the

as becomes a little girl with a loss purpose.

At 4 P. M. yesterday, with only a few cents in her pocket, Mary arrived at the Grand Central Station. It was larger and noisier than the Worcester Union Station, but that didn't scare Mary. She calmly asked a porter where Fifth Avenue was. She had heard that men like John D. Rocket feller had a partiality for that thoroughtare. The porter obligingly put her on her way.

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Stanton asked what she wanted. And he wasn't gruft, either.

"I want money to buy Christmas presents. There's mother and father and Lillie and Edna and Henry, and"

Stanton got interested. When he learned that Mary had come all the way from Worcester to see Mr. Rockefeller his dignity vanished and he held out his hand.

"Come with me," he said. Mary gave him her hand fearlessly. They walked along Fifty-fourth Street and through Booth Tarkington, wife of the author the whirl of automobiles and carriages and playwright.